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SUMMARY - ON MARCH 16-17, TRADE UNION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE (TUAC) MET IN OECD HEADQUARTERS TO SELECT NEW
TUAC SECRETARY GENERAL (TAPIOLA OF FINLAND), DECIDE PRO-
GRAM PRIORITIES, AND DISCUSS WAYS TO IMPROVE
CONSULTATION PROCEDURES, ESPECIALLY WITH OECD ECONOMIC
POLICY COMMITTEE. END SUMMARY.

1. ELECTIONS -

KARI T. TAPIOLA WAS NOMINATED TUAC'S NEW SECRETARY
GENERAL TO REPLACE HENRI BERNARD (SEE REFTEL). ACCORD-
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ING TO IRVING BROWN, 32 YEAR OLD TAPIOLA, A SOCIAL
DEMOCRAT, IS ABLE AND SPEAKS SEVERAL LANGUAGES. TAPIOLA
WILL ASSUME OFFICE JULY 1, 1978 BUT PLANS PERIODIC
VISITS TO PARIS DURING INTERIM. TUAC'S DAY TO DAY
BUSINESS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY A COORDINATING GROUP
CONSISTING OF REPS FROM AFL-CIO EUROPEAN OFFICE AND
FRENCH TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS FORCE OUVRIERE (FO)

AND CONFEDERATION FRANCAISE DEMOCRATIQUE DU TRAVAIL (CFDT). THIS COORDINATING BODY WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH TAPIOLA (AT HIS REQUEST) INDEFINITELY. ACCORDING TO BROWN, AFL-CIO MEMBERSHIP ON COORDINATING BODY WAS RECOMMENDED BY PRESIDENT OF BELGIAN CHRISTIAN WORKERS CONFEDERATION (CSC).

2. WORK PRIORITIES

AS REPORTED BY BROWN, TUAC WILL CONCENTRATE ON GENERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES (UNEMPLOYMENT/INFLATION), MULTI-NATIONAL ENTERPRISES AND ENERGY.

3. CONSULTATION WITH OECD ECONOMIC POLICY COMMITTEE

BROWN SAID THAT TUAC MEETING AGREED TO RAISE IN CAPITALS ISSUE OF IMPROVED CONSULTATIONS, ESPECIALLY WITH EPC. VICE PRESIDENT WARD, WHO REPRESENTED THE AFL-CIO AT TUAC MEETING, WILL DISCUSS WITH LANE KIRKLAND WAYS IN WHICH TUAC CAN ESTABLISH SOME FORM OF DIALOGUE WITH EPC. BROWN ADDED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS (ICFTU) AND THE WORLD CONFEDERATION OF LABOR (WCL) REPS AGREED THAT TUAC SHOULD BE FREE LABOR'S INTERNATIONAL VOICE ON QUESTIONS OF GENERAL ECONOMIC POLICY.

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4. MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES (MNE'S)

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BROWN SAID TUAC AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO RESPECTIVE CAPITALS THAT GOVERNMENTS REVIEW REPORTING PROCEDURES ON ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF OECD MNE GUIDELINES. BROWN SAID HE URGED GROUP TO BE MORE "SELECTIVE" IN BRINGING FORTH CASES. BROWN SAID BY SELECTIVE HE MEANT BETTER BALANCE BETWEEN U.S. AND EUROPEAN FIRMS; NOT THAT HE IS SOFT ON AMERICAN MNE'S BUT, SAID BROWN, EUROPEANS ARE SOFT ON EUROPEAN MNE'S.

5. LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION

BROWN SAID HE WAS SATISFIED WITH VERY HIGH LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION AT SUBJECT TUAC MEETING WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY POLICY LEVEL PERSONNEL FROM THE GERMAN CONFEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS (DGB), BELGIAN CHRISTIAN CONFEDERATION, AND THE LABOR ORGANIZATIONS FROM NORWAY, DENMARK AND SWEDEN. SINCE AFL-CIO HAS COMPLAINED OF RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL OF PARTICIPANTS AT EARLIER MEETINGS BROWN SAID MEANY ASKED VICE PRESIDENT WARD TO ATTEND TO DEMONSTRATE SERIOUSNESS WHICH THE AFL-CIO VIEW WORK OF TUAC. SALZMAN

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